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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Intelligence

FROM : Chief, Arab States/Israel Branch, OCI

SUBJECT : Meeting of State-Defense-CIA Representatives Regarding  
Mechanics of Forwarding Holmes Study to Secretaries  
Rusk and McNamara and to the President

1. Participants at the meeting were: State - John Ausland and Col. Clark of Kohler's office; JCS - Brig. Gen. Sibley; OAS (ISA) - Mr. Murray; and CIA - [redacted]

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2. A draft airgram (attached) to accompany copies of the Study to various diplomatic posts was approved. The posts are to submit comments on the paper to the department by 14 August.

3. I did learn that the drafts of the Study were vetted in draft by both State and Defense, but CIA did not receive them, except in an early very rough draft form.

4. Ambassador Holmes wants the study to become a statement of national policy for the area. Kohler desires to move the study to the Secretaries level (Rusk and McNamara) fairly quickly with a memo to them and the President on 1 September, following approval by the Senior Policy Group on 21 September.

5. I gathered that ISA may have some problems with certain parts of the Study. There was some question as to whether an IRG paper known as the "Rockwell Study" on the subject of Soviet penetration of the Middle East might conflict with the "Holmes Study." No one in DD/I has ever heard of the "Rockwell Study." I am procuring a copy.

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